

Calendar of Events—2004

Dates included on this calendar are gathered from various sources and are not intended as definitive or official notification from the California Department of Education. We hope the calendar will assist you in planning special recognition events.

January 2004

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7-8 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento; California Teachers of the Year honored at the meeting
- 15 California Drop-In Day
- 19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, birthday observance (Section 37220 of the *Education Code* states that public schools shall close the third Monday in January or Monday or Friday of the week in which January 15 occurs.)
- 19-23 Yellow Ribbon Week (student involvement in violence prevention)

February 2004

- BLACK HISTORY MONTH
- NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH
- 1 National Freedom Day (commemorates signing of the 13th Amendment)
- 2-6 National School Counseling Week
- 12 Lincoln's birthday (Section 37220 of the *Education Code* states that public schools close on the Monday or Friday of the week in which February 12 occurs.)
- 15 Susan B. Anthony's birthday
- 16 Washington's Day (Section 37220 of the *Education Code* states that Washington's birthday shall be observed the third Monday in February.)
- 16 National PTA Founder's Day
- 20 Frederick Douglass Day
- 21-28 National Future Farmers of America Week

March 2004

- AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
- MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH
- NATIONAL MENTAL RETARDATION AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH
- NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
- NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
- NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK MONTH
- ARTS EDUCATION MONTH IN CALIFORNIA
- 7-13 Week of the School Administrator
- 1-5 National School Breakfast Week
- 1-5 Newspapers in Education Week
- 2 Read Across America Day

- 5 Anniversary of the death of Crispus Attucks (also known as Black American Day)
- 7 California Arbor Day (birthday of Luther Burbank)
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10-11 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
- 14-20 National Agriculture Week
- 15-19 California Adult Education Week
- 19 National Energy Education Day
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21-27 National Poison Prevention Week
- 31 Cesar Chavez Day (Section 37220.5 of the *Education Code* states that public schools may close on the Monday or Friday of the week in which March 31 occurs.)
- TBA National awardees from California for Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching announced

April 2004

CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL MONTH

MATHEMATICS EDUCATION MONTH

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH (theme designated by the Free and Accepted Masons of California)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (School districts may choose any week in April.)

- 2 International Children's Book Day
- 6 California Poppy Day
- 7 World Health Day
- 18-24 Week of the Young Child
- 18-24 National Library Week
- 18-24 Public School Volunteer Week
- 19-24 California School Psychology Week
- 19-25 National TV-Turnoff Week
- 21 John Muir Day
- 22 Earth Day U.S.A.
- 22 Take Our Daughters to Work Day

May 2004

NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- 1-7 National Physical Education and Sport Week
- 2-8 Be Kind to Animals Week
- 8 American Indian Day (second Saturday in May)
- 12 National School Nurse Day
- 12 California Day of the Teacher (second Wednesday in May)
- 12-13 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
- 17-21 Classified School Employee Week
- 31 Memorial Day
- 31 World No-Tobacco Day

June 2004

- FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH (June 1–July 4)
- 5 World Environment Day
- 13 Race Unity Day
- TBA California's finalists for Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching announced

July 2004

- 4 Independence Day
- 7-8 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento

September 2004

- HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (September 15–October 15)
- LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH
- PTA MEMBERSHIP MONTH IN CALIFORNIA
- 6 Labor Day
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 8-9 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
- 16 Mexican Independence Days
- 17 Citizenship Day
- 17–23 Constitution Week

October 2004

- CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL AND CALIFORNIA ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION MONTH
- COMPUTER LEARNING MONTH
- 3-9 Fire Prevention Week
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 4 National Child Health Day
- 10-16 National Educational Office Professionals Career Awareness Week
- 11-15 National School Lunch Week
- 16 World Food Day
- 17-23 National School Bus Safety Week
- 17-23 America's Safe Schools Week
- 23–31 Red Ribbon Week (same dates every year)
- 23 Make a Difference Day
- 24 United Nations Day
- TBA California Educator Awards (Milken)

November 2004

NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH (AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH)

- 9-10 State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14-20 American Education Week (always observed the week before Thanksgiving)
- 14-20 Youth Appreciation Week
- 15-21 National Children's Book Week
- 17 National Education Support Professionals Day
- 21-27 National Family Week
- 25 Thanksgiving Day

December 2004

- 15 Bill of Rights Day
- TBA U.S. Senate Youth Program winners announced